

Insert new claim 30 after present claim 29 as follows.

A-3 -- 30. The Apparatus of claim 28 wherein said electronic display is formed from a light emitting polymer. --

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7, 13 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fitch (U.S. Patent No. 5,912,653). Claims 5, 6, 8-12, 14-17, 22-27 relating to a vest, cap, tie, suspenders or belt were rejected as being obvious in light of Fitch. Finally, claims 28-29 relating to a war game apparel were rejected as being anticipated by Brucker (4,487,583). For the following reasons, it is respectfully asserted that the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness. The invention as claimed is both novel and non-obvious over the cited art.

As the Examiner has pointed out, Fitch discloses an article of clothing that receives a mounted Liquid Crystal Display (LCD). Thus, the images on the apparel of Fitch are displayed on the LCD. However, Fitch does not disclose the use of light emitting polymer (LEP) to display the images as disclosed and claimed in the present application. Moreover, there is no suggestion in Fitch that a display other than an LCD would be appropriate for his invention.

The differences between LCDs and LEPs are well known to persons skilled in the art LCDs consist of one or more panels made of glass or other similar transparent

rigid material which are used to entrap a material which changes its optical transmissivity in response to an electrical field. LCDs are used as various rigid displays in calculators, telephones and even PC monitors.

LEPs are light emitting materials which are flexible. Therefore, a display made of this material bends easily, and if it is incorporated into clothing, as taught by the present invention, the display conforms in shape to the body of the wearer. LCDs being rigid cannot bend and cannot conform to the shape of a wearer.

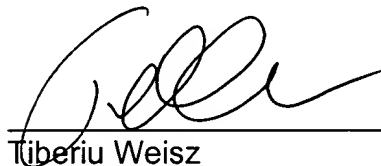
Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate this distinction which was originally contained in deleted dependent claim 3. Claim 18 has also been amended to incorporate the limitation.

It is also respectfully asserted that Brucker does not anticipate the invention defined in claims 28, 29 and new claim 30. Brucker discloses an apparatus for use in light beam related war games. The apparatus has light sensors for detecting light beam hits. The apparatus also has lamps, light emitting diodes and/or a buzzer to indicate the hits. Thus, Brucker's apparatus will light or buzz in response to a hit. However, the Brucker apparatus does not have an electronic display for showing one or more images. The present invented apparatus can display images to visually communicate a multitude of game-related information that the Brucker device is simply incapable of performing. Claims 28-30 each include this electronic display limitation. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application as amended claims novel and non-obvious subject matter and is in condition for allowance.

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